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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. A paper backing, for supporting a secondary layer, which has a double-layer paper structure comprising a first paper layer and a second paper layer, said first paper layer and said second paper layer each being manufactured from (wood pulp and short fibers) having a length within the range of about 3 to 20 mm, wherein said first layer has a blending ratio of short fibers to wood pulp larger than the blending ratio of short fibers to pulp in said second layer.

2. An adhesive sheet comprising a paper backing and an adhesive layer provided on one of its surfaces, said paper backing having a double-layer paper structure comprising a first paper layer and a second paper layer, in which said first paper layer and said second paper layer each is manufactured from wood pulp and short fiber having a length within the